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For the sake of our students, we must improve our education system. Real education reform means that we let voters decide on school governance, such as local elected school boards, and dismantle the monolithic Department of Education, sending up to 90 % of education dollars to the schools. We can improve student achievement, when the majority of education dollars actually reach the classroom.

We also need to continue to improve our economy. Reforms to Act 221 will continue to support new high technology industries and associated new jobs, while closing loopholes which were misused by non-tech companies.

As Hawaii's national Board Member on the National Conference of State Legislatures' two committees, Energy and the Environment, I continue to promote renewable energy legislation. Hawaii is uniquely blessed with sun, wind, waves and biomass, all of which can be tapped to provide renewable energy to power our islands. We must move the utility company from its present 92% dependency on fossil fuel on Oahu to using at least 20% renewable sources by year 2020. This will create new jobs and keep energy dollars in Hawaii.

I look forward to discussing these and other issues with you when I go door-to-door in your neighborhood. I'd like to hear your concerns and ideas on how State government can be improved.

Ranking Member House Judiciary Committee and Energy and Environmental
Protection Committee
Member Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee and Water, Land and
Hawaiian Affairs Committee

